6. whether any action was taken against the officer concerned;

7. whether the Civil Surgeon made himself sure that the sisters really required a place of residence so near the hospital and whether he was requested by the sisters to provide them with free quarters;

8. if the representation to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was made by the Civil Surgeon at the instance and on the request of the sisters, what was the justification for the sisters not to occupy the rented place as their residential quarters from the time it was rented;

9. whether any explanation has been taken from the Civil Surgeon for not seeing that the house was properly made use of; and if so, will the Government kindly lay the explanations on the Table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1. Yes.

2. Yes. At Rs. 15 per mensem from 1st Chingam 1102.

3. The sisters changed their residence into the rented building on 26th March 1929, 13th Meenam 1104. Before that they occupied it during mid-day but did not live there for want of convenience.

4. Yes.

On 31st January 1929/18th Makaram 1104.

5. The Civil Surgeon, Trichur.

6. Yes.

7. Yes.

8. There were no chapel and other necessary conveniences for permanent residence.

9. Yes. Necessary action has already been taken in the matter and, therefore, Government do not think it necessary to place any of the papers on the Table.

Cashing a bill towards the subsistence allowance of a nursing sister who was really not on duty.

126. Mr. K. J. Antony.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether a bill towards the full subsistence allowance of one sister, Elizabeth (Nursing Sister, Trichur Civil Hospital), was drawn and cashed for the month of Dhanu 1104;

2. during this month, was she on leave for some time and if so what was the reason for billing allowance to her for the full one month;

3. what did the Civil Surgeon do with the money drawn in the name of the absentee;

4. for the serious irregularity on the part of the Civil Surgeon what action, if any, has been instituted against him;

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5. has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer made enquiries and ascertained from sister Elizabeth herself whether she did attend to hospital work even for a few days during the early part of Dhanu 1104 as alleged by the Civil Surgeon?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1 to 5. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Obscene songs and slaughter of fowls in Cranganur.

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken with reference to the number of representations made to the Government for stopping the singing of obscene songs and the slaughter of fowls at the Kodungallur Bharani;

(b) whether in the last three years any prosecution has been made for singing obscene songs in public streets and thoroughfares;

(c) and if not, whether singing of obscene songs in public roads and thoroughfares has been permitted by the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Government have carefully considered the question and have thought it inadvisable to interfere with time-honoured customs and practices like the one in hand so inextricably connected with religious beliefs.

(b) No prosecution of the kind has been made during the last three years

(c) Government have not issued any orders in the matter.

Employment of ladies.

128. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state whether they have any objection to employ lady graduates as clerks in the Huzur Office and the other Departmental Offices in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot offer an opinion nor state anything more than that they will consider the matter when occasions actually arise.

Application from Members of Legislative Council for appointment.

129. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Members of the Second Legislative Council who have made requests either oral or written to the Government or officers for appointments in the State Service;

(b) the dates of such requests and the officers to whom the requests were made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) So far as it could be ascertained, one Member only, Mr. C. V. Kurian, the Member

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